

W. C. T. U. NOTES.



A sacred burden is the life
ye bear.
Look on it, lift it, bear it
solemnly,
Stand up and walk beneath
it steadfastly,
Fall not for sorrow, falter not for sin,
But onward, upward, till the goal ye win.
Frances Anne Kemble.

THE RUM POWER.

Editorial in N. Y. Tribune, Aug. 21, 1882.
Great political changes, which would otherwise be impractical, are sometimes brought about by a feeling of resentment. It is in some measure an excuse for the exercise of Granger legislation that they were prompted by the strong indignation that high-handed and defiant conduct on the part of railroad officials had aroused. A still stronger illustration may be found in the overthrow of slavery. A large majority of the people of this country had been opposed to abolition. But the insolent and domineering conduct of pro-slavery politicians, and their aggressive acts, led to earnest efforts to resist the spread of that institution, and when these were resisted by rebellion and war, the people were roused to exterminate the system at any cost. It is a question whether the liquor interest has not been preparing for itself a new illustration of this principle. The remarkable growth of the prohibitory sentiment at the West is certainly due, in no small degree, to the aggressive, insolent, and law-defying course of liquor manufacturers and liquor-dealers. For many years they have been bullying political parties, threatening the slaughter of ever public men who did not agree with them, domineering over State and local government, resisting ever reasonable effort to restrain their traffic within such limits as the public welfare demands, and defying every law for that purpose. In short, their behavior has been exactly like that of the Southern slave-drivers, and, like the South, they have arrayed themselves in open hostility to law. In effect they are in rebellion against the civil authority, and have thus roused a feeling which has passed an abolition amendment in Iowa.

A CHILD CRYING FOR WHISKEY.

At a meeting recently held in Ripley, Derbyshire, a woman made the following statement at the close to the lady who had been speaking: "please, miss, I think I shall now begin to try to break off my little boy from the drink. He's so fond of it, and cries for it, and his father lets him have it, and he's only six years' old." The father is an habitual drunkard; the mother thought it did not matter if the little lad only drank "little sips."—*Pioneer.*

Rich idlers amusing themselves at Newport and Tubed; poor workers burying themselves in coal mines. Young men and women riding across country after a bag that smells like a fox; old men women picking decayed fruit out of garbage cans. Lap dogs driving through Central Park to take the air; children stripping tobacco stems in garrets. These are the signs of the times; signs that point to a calamity that nothing, we fear, can avert.—*Union Signal.*

Cyrus Hamlin writes, concerning a journey through Maine: "Many of the jails have been empty. I visited one where the jailer said he had not had a prisoner for some time. He opened the jail occasionally to keep the locks in running order, but he added, 'Where there is no drunkenness, there is no jailing.'"

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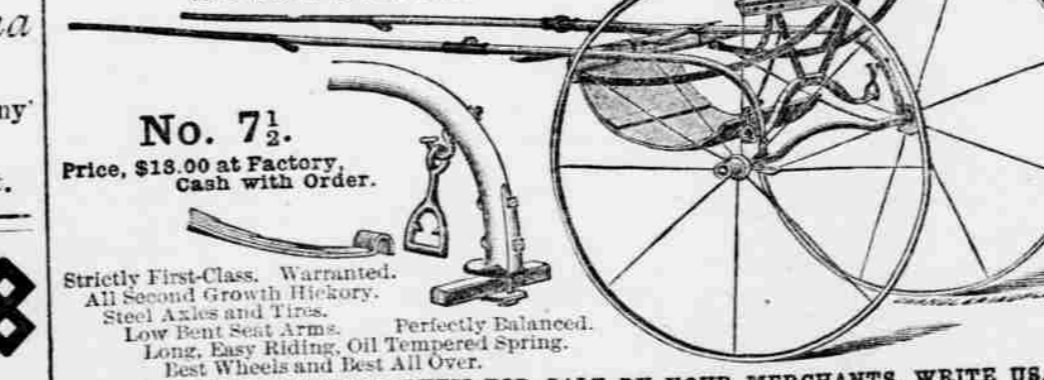


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